



Meeting Minutes PSARC Member Meeting November 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Don Scelza at 11:09am. Meeting minutes were distributed and accepted as entered.

Presidents report - Don Scelza

The Council has been moving to become an operational entity and there is a lot of work being done by several committees to move us in the right direction. If you want to help, contact John (Buck) and he will direct you to the right committee.

The Website has a new look and has a lot of new information. One of the goals is to make all PSARC information available through the website. Your teams contact information and resource information will be on the web. Additionally, you will be responsible for making updates online. Each committee will have a page with their members and goals on the web for everyone to see.

Pennsylvania sent three dog teams to help with Katrina. One of those teams was turned back as unsuitable. The returned team was not a PSARC team but since they were from PA we all look bad.

Don appointed Alan Houcke and Pepper Broad as the Teller committee to count the votes for the contested position of Central Director.

Elections:

17 Ballots were received and 2 were invalidated

A single ballot was cast by the Secretary for the following uncontested positions:

President: Don Scelza
Vice Pres: Vicki Coup
Secretary: Roger Tobias
Treasurer: Lou Ann Pomposelli
East: Allen Houck
Northeast: Chris Rudolph

After counting all of the valid ballots, Kim Carr was elected to the position of Central Director.

The position of Western Director had no nominations and remains vacant.

The ballots were destroyed.

Vice Presidents Report – Vicki Coup

No report

Treasurers report:

Total \$2141.45 in account

OPS:

We will distinguish between certified and non certified teams. They will be called credentialed and not credentialed. Levels one through five will remain unchanged but level five teams will now be referred to as Special Resources and Organizations. This level will include organizations like DCNR and CAP. The team status will be credentialed, non-credentialed, and probationary.

We will have an updated resource list, but all the information will be entered through the yahoo groups. It will be the responsibility of the team to keep the information up-to-date. Please be specific who you are when signing up so Buck can quickly approve you. By February we will have guidelines to move PSARC to an operational entity. The resource book will remain updated but not distributed to MED-STAT. Instead, MED-STAT will receive a list of on-call mission resource coordinators (MRC) and the MRC will then have the resource lists and call member teams. Additionally, non-credentialed teams will not be listed in the resource book. Congratulations to MARSAR (level 1) and Blue Mountain SAR (level 2) which are now certified.

WEB:

The site has been redesigned. There is a new home page. A link to report your search data has been added that takes you directly to the DCNR input page. You can also post your search data for everyone to view. The member only page is password protected and everyone has their own password. Please follow the links to gain access.

K-9:

NASAR is working on K-9 standards and we as a committee may make changes to our standards to be more closely aligned with the NASAR standards.

COMMITTEES:

SAR-EX Committee:

No report

PR Committee:

The banner is here.

We need somebody to assist and coordinate with the Penn State student intern.

A Fire Chief/Police Chief packet was presented by Kim Carr. It is a bright colored folder with information about White Deer SAR. The left side of the folder is what the Search Manager should do including a checklist on what to do. On the right side of the folder are the PSARC forms.

Membership Committee:

There is one new member application; Sturgeon Volunteer Fire Department K-9 team.

NASAR Committee:

We have pricing and a tentative agreement. At this time, we are looking for certified instructors. A letter will go out to credentialed teams to call for instructors. There is a financial piece pertaining to how much our instructors can charge. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Disaster Assistance Team:

This committee has just started their work. They are looking to create a group of people or teams under the PSARC umbrella that can be rapidly deployed to a disaster. A good source for information is the Yahoo group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalSARStandards/>. The Committee has started a Yahoo group called PSARCDAT.

Sweep Width Committee:

They are going to meet after the February meeting and pick a spot for the sweep width experiment. They are getting all of the equipment. We are hopeful to have a lot of people during SAREX willing to participate. All of the logistics will be completed by SAREX.

By-Laws Committee:

None

Legislative Committee:

We are working on the formal language for a document to become a bill so it can be voted up and become a law sometime between March and April when the bill will be presented to the legislature. The bill is requesting that SAR be recognized and governed by SAR.

Jennifer Mann gave the committee a document dated Oct 31, 2005 titled H.R 457 declaring the month of November as National Search & Rescue Month

Old Business:

None

New Business:

SAR Council of New Jersey has asked the PSARC for permission to use the PSARC forms. A motion was made by Kim Carr and seconded by Chris to add both the PSARC and SARCNJ logos on the forms. Motion was carried and passed.

Next year will be the 20th year of PSARC. A lot of progress has been made especially if you look at other events during the same time span for other services such as Fire or EMS.

The 2006 PSARC meetings will be held on the following dates:

February 11

May 6

August 12

November 4

Good of the order:

Mike Tobias is doing much better.

Adjourned at 1244 hrs